39. (Newly Added) The press block according to claim 37, wherein said planar base comprises a vertical face of said press block.

40. (Newly added) The press block as recited in claim 38, wherein the press block is metal injection molded.

41. (Newly Added) The press block as recited in claim 38, wherein the press block is a composite of a polymer and a fine grain metal.

42. (Newly Added) The press block as recited in claim 38, wherein said discrete openings are tapered.

43. (Newly Added) The press block as recited in claim 38, wherein a surface of said openings has a convex profile.

44. (Newly Added) The press block as recited in claim 38, further comprising a second press block, said press blocks stackable end-to-end without a loss of contact position.

45. (Newly Added) A press block for inserting a plurality of terminals into a substrate, the press block removably engaging the terminals and comprising:

a vertical face for receiving the terminals;

a plurality of side walls extending from said front face;

a plurality of open areas between said plurality of side walls and said front face; and

a plurality of openings through said front face in communication with said plurality of open areas;

wherein each of said openings are adapted to receive a corresponding one of said terminals so that the terminals can extend through said openings and reside within

said plurality of open areas during insertion.

46. (Newly Added) The press block as recited in claim 45, wherein the press block is metal injection molded.

47. (Newly Added) The press block as recited in claim 46, wherein the press block is a composite of a polymer and a fine grain metal.

48. (Newly Added) The press block as recited in claim 45, wherein said openings are tapered.

49. (Newly added) A method of making a press block used to insert a plurality of terminals into a substrate, comprising the steps of:

forming a generally planar base having a thickness substantially less than a length of the terminals; and

forming a plurality of discrete openings through said base, wherein each opening is adapted to receive a respective one of the terminals so that the terminals can extend through said base during insertion.

50. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 49, wherein the forming steps comprise metal injection molding.

51. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 40, wherein the metal injection molding step comprises:

providing a composite of a polymer and a fine grain metal;

injecting said composite into a mold; and

depleting said polymer from said composite.

52. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 49, wherein the openings forming step includes the step of providing a convex profile.